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HHHS exceeds fundraising goal for imaging equipment

EMILY STONEHOUSE
Editor

It's the dawn of a new era for the Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) Foundation, and their diligent efforts for diagnostic imaging equipment in the area.

"I heard stories of residents, just moments from an HHHS site, who, after slipping and hitting their heads, had to endure a long, bumpy ride to Lindsay before learning what was wrong," said Melanie Klodt Wong, the executive director of the foundation, to a room full of people on Nov. 1 at the Haliburton Hospital. "This wasn't an isolated story."

Klodt Wong had gathered people on the Friday afternoon for an announcement. An announcement that would change the course of the foundation's

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Physician recruitment nets two possible doctors for county

JAMES MATTHEWS
Staff Reporter

Haliburton County has reached out to the Eastern Ontario Physician Recruiter Alliance in its continued efforts to draw doctors to the region.

Wendy Welch, the county's physician recruitment coordinator, provided an update to the upper tier council on progress thus far to attract physicians.

"We are now a team of 16 communities, all from our region of eastern Ontario that are all banding together to improve our reach," she said.

That reach extended to the United Kingdom earlier in October. Each alliance member takes turns sending personnel to such far-flung events.

Welch will soon be sent to a family physician trade show of sorts in Vancouver in early November. She says it will mark the first time Haliburton County's effort have extended outside the province.

"There has definitely been an increase in physician leads and inquiries coming in about Haliburton County," she said. "This is coming in after marketing our updated physician recruitment policy."

Those changes included sweetening the pot for prospective doctors who may be on the verge of committing to working the county. The changes came into effect in May.

The county's recruitment guidelines were thought to have been rigid when it came to stacking funding to lure a doctors and specifying minimum years of service for prospective physicians.

Recruitment staff wanted to be able to offer $50,000 in one year and $25,000 in another year. That's as opposed to stipulated amounts per year of service.

Haliburton County started in 2012 its Physician Recruitment Incentive Program for medical students, medical graduates, and physicians. An individual could receive $25,000 annually for up to six years if they committed to practicing in Haliburton County. There is a minimum four-year commitment.

Since its inception and up to May, the program has provided $725,000 to eight physicians who have committed to practicing in the county as of the end of last year.

At the same time in 2017, County of Haliburton Doctor Recruitment Guidelines were established. Before May, the guidelines hadn't been revisited since they were put in place.

Ontario communities continued since 2012 to evolve their incentive programs to meet the changing demands of interested physicians. To ensure its own competitiveness, the county modified its program to allow staff to be responsive when managing inquires and recruitment activities.

The county change its return of service minimum requirement from four to two years. It gave the economic development director authority over incentives to doctors and allowed funding to be paid out in different amounts per year.

"This seems to be driving the increase of activity," Welch said of the program changes' effects.

> ***"There has definitely been an increase in physician leads and inquiries coming in about Haliburton County"***
>
> — Wendy Welch, physician recruitment coordinator

It also helps that the region has a new CT Scanner for diagnostic medicine, she said.

"That's really turned up the interest," she said.

In fact, 10 physicians have visited the region over the last three months. That makes a 400 per cent increase over the same period last year.

"It's been keeping me pretty busy," she said.

Two of the 10 candidates expressed interest in relocating and establishing full-time practices in Haliburton County in 2025.

"Nothing's for sure yet," she cautioned. "Nothing's in writing, but it's looking promising."

"It sounds like it's working out in a positive way," said County Warden Liz Danielsen.

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X–ray suite added to equipment for HHHS

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Here for You in the Highlands campaign, which set out to raise $4.3 million for diagnostic imaging technology at the local hospital, including CT, mammography, updated ultrasound, picture archiving communications system, and related technologies.

"In January 2023, we built a case for our application and, before long, had over 100 letters of community support," said Klodt Wong. "I knew then that, no matter how long it took, we had to bring CT here. Soon after, I was introduced to Malcolm Cockwell, and our case for support began to take shape."

Cockwell is the managing director for Haliburton Forest, and while originally hailing from Toronto, has made Haliburton County his home. Upon recognizing the dire need for upgraded imaging equipment at the hospital, Cockwell and his family made a decision in early 2023 to donate $500,000 to the cause.

"We are deeply grateful to Malcolm and his family for their trust and support. Their $500,000 leadership gift sent a strong message to local businesses, community leaders, and residents," said Klodt Wong. "People began talking about this campaign in a big way, and our public campaign was launched."

Klodt Wong was clear that community support continued to fuel the fire of the campaign, with additional fundraising initiatives led by Tayce Wakefield, including the Matt Duchene Golf Tournament and the local Radiothon, which was in support of women's health and breast cancer screening, and "exceeded all expectations," said Klodt Wong.

But the campaign didn't end there. Residents continued individual support and donations, and the dream of the equipment began to seem like a reality.

And on Friday, with many of the donors and advocates for the cause standing in the room, HHHS announced that Malcolm Cockwell and Haliburton Forest have given a second donation of $500,000, bringing the total raised to $6,225,000 - enough to also provide for an urgently-needed new x-ray suite.

"The importance of the diagnostic imaging campaign's objectives was clear to our group from the first discussion with HHHS," said Cockwell. "Increasing the capability and capacity of the hospital is critical to the well-being of our employees, clients, their families, visitors, and all other residents in the region."

HHHS CEO Veronica Nelson stepped into the role during a tumultuous time, with staffing uncertainty abound and equipment considerations on the forefront of many discussions. "Veronica has been leading the operations of a rural healthcare system, optimizing it for future sustainability, overseeing construction to bring in new services, and speaking at donor community events to build trust in and understanding of this project," said Klodt Wong. "Veronica, we wouldn't be here without you."

"Adding these diagnostic imaging technologies and services is the first step forward in our plans to build capacity in and expand healthcare services in the county," said Nelson. "Our community deserves access to excellent local care. We thank every donor for their support in helping us optimize health and wellbeing in the county."

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OPP investigating fatal ATV collision

The Haliburton Highlands Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is investigating a fatal single all-terrain vehicle (ATV) collision in Haliburton.

On Nov. 2, at approximately 3:45 p.m., the Haliburton Highlands OPP responded to a single ATV collision on Glamorgan Road. The lone rider was transported to the local hospital by Lindsay Emergency Medical Services (EMS).

The individual, a 32-year-old from Haliburton, was pronounced deceased at the hospital.

The OPP Traffic Incident Management Enforcement (TIME) Team attended to process the scene. Members of the OPP Haliburton Highlands are continuing the investigation, in conjunction with the Office of the Chief Coroner.

The OPP is requesting that if anyone has any information that may assist investigators to please contact Haliburton Highlands OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or www.khcrimestoppers.com.

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MP Jamie Schmale, Highlander of the Year winner John Watson, Heather Kennedy, and MPP Laurie Scott smile at the Chamber Awards evening on Oct. 25. /DAVID ZILSTRA Staff

Watson named Highlander of the Year

EMILY STONEHOUSE

Editor

When you meet John Watson, you can't help but smile.

Whether it's passing him by on the street, standing in line with him at a coffee shop, or bumping into him at his work at the municipality or the gym, he's always bringing an energy that's contagious.

And, when asked about his zest for life, it largely stems from calling Haliburton home.

"I always joked that when I retire, I'd move up here," he laughed. "But one day I thought, why wait?"

Watson is the environmental manager for Dysart et al. He is also a coach at Sweat Social fitness, a recreational stage manager, and, most recently, Haliburton County's Highlander of the Year; an award he was honoured with during the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce awards night on Oct. 25 at the Haliburton Legion.

According to the Chamber website, Highlander of the Year is someone who has shown dedication to their community for years. They have played a major role in the region, making a difference on the environment, people, the arts, or in business. Their commitment to the community must be seen in a range of involvement, above and beyond their business role.

"I am so honoured, so humbled," he said. "To be recognized with some of those other nominees is such an honour."

After 15 years of cottaging in Haliburton, Watson officially made it his home just before the COVID-19 pandemic hit in 2020. At the time, he was working as the communications officer for SIRCH, which provided him with the opportunity to explore some of the initiatives that the not-for-profit offers, such as the Repair Cafe and the Thrift Warehouse.

These ideas got his gears turning.

Once his contract ended with SIRCH, Watson jumped into the role of environmental manager for the municipality. "Everyone always makes waste," he said. "It's something we all have in common, and we all have to play a part in minimizing that."

With a background in theatre production, as well as a contract with SIRCH community services under his belt, Watson dove into the position with a zest for a new chapter in waste management. "I thought to myself, this is kind of like putting on a show," he said, in reference to the many outreach programs he has offered to the community over the past four years.

One of these programs is to visit schools, and educate kids about the importance of reducing, reusing, and recycling. "Those programs are really well received," he beamed, noting that he is always open to new partnerships and opportunities to work with the youth in our community when it comes to environmental education.

Another initiative that Watson has moved forward was the Great Haliburton Clothing Swap, which took place this past fall, and was met with tremendous success. The idea of the swap was for folks to drop off gently used clothes at Haliburton School of Art + Design, and swap them out for something new, to you. With thousands of garments donated, Watson noted that even with over 200 people shopping through, over 350 pounds of clothing were remaining, which Watson was able to divert from local landfills, and recycle or donate respectfully. "I am trying to find ways we can make efforts to divert waste," he said. "And just trying to get as much material out of landfills as possible."

When he's not wading through used textiles, you can often find Watson at the gym, where he works as a coach. "I grew up in an arts school," Watson laughed, "so anything sports related was frowned upon. But it's such a great community, everyone is fantastic, and it fuels another part of me."

Watson joined Sweat Social on a whim, after seeing posts about it on social media. With a crossfit certification, he instantly felt at home in the space, and wanted to find ways he could get more involved in the business. "It's really another passion of mine," he shared. "Everyone there has goals, and I love seeing people push themselves to reach those goals."

But while environmental initiatives and coaching keep him busy, Watson is starting to reconnect with his early passion of theatre. "I was the stage manager for the Burlesque Ball this (past) summer," he shared, noting that he loves the energy that surrounds a production like that; lights, colour, magic.

With his recent nod as Highlander of the Year, Watson shows no signs of slowing down when it comes to his love of Haliburton County. He beamed as he shared his love for Thanksgiving in the county, with his family visiting, traditions they have started, and memories they have made.

He's also an elusive lover of the winter months, with his recreational passions of skiing, snowshoeing, and winter hikes.

"Every time my family comes up to visit," said Watson, "they always comment on how happy I am here. I just love living here, and I can't imagine being anywhere else."

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Places for People housing summit discusses attainable housing

THOMAS SMITH

Staff Reporter

The Minden Community Centre was packed with the Places for People Haliburton County Housing Summit on Thursday, Oct. 24.

"We need to find a way to provide available and attainable housing. Haliburton County must be prepared to accommodate the different forms and density of housing that families will demand while having a sufficient quantity of housing supply to meet the needs of the population," opened Patti Tallman, CEO of Haliburton County Development Corporation. "The need for more housing supply is real and it is here today and here to stay. Failure to act and work together sooner than later will result in the lack of homes to service the current need of the community and the future population growth."

"For all levels of government, housing, homelessness, mental health, and drug addiction are at the top of the list of priorities to do. Housing has an impact on all of those things. So it is really and truly the top priority for us to deal with. I can't say how challenging it is for rural communities," said Liz Danielsen in an opening speech. "I hope everyone comes away with some nugget that they can take forward and use in their planning and development going forward."

"As we all know, housing is important. When I think about today and what I would like to have happen is that we take a few more steps forward," opened Bob Carter, mayor of Minden Hills. "This is an important time in that both Minden Hills and the County are about to embark on strategic planning and I think it's important that we all decide what it is that we want to be, how big do we want Haliburton to become in terms of population. How do we want that growth to happen."

"We are so far behind that we have a lot of catching up to do. With the population growth being as fast as it is up here, there is going to be a greater demand for housing," said Carter.

The summit included panel sessions throughout the day, with local business owners including in the panels and representatives from throughout Haliburton County and beyond.

Affordable Housing - Collingwood

Claire de Souza, Housing Development Coordinator for Collingwood presented on housing in the town. Collingwood was noted for having high demand short term rentals and a shortage of housing for workers. Affordable housing was considered "affordable" if shelter costs did not exceed 30 per cent of the income of a household.

Rapid Additional Residential Units were discussed. These included pre-approved designs for additional housing units on residential lots. Zoning was updated to allow for more dwellings.

A concierge service for ARU enquiries. This acts as the starting point for interested property owners to discuss creating an additional dwelling. Planning information was made digestible by the public.

ARU financial incentives by the County of Simcoe and by Collingwood itself. Collingwood has a loan program if you commit your ARU property to renting on a long term basis (of 12 month leases) over a period of 5 years. Simcoe has a program with a commitment of 15 years for $30,000.

Rapid ARU pre-approved design criteria speed up the application process for homeowners.

Affordable Housing Master Plan includes township properties for over 30 units.

Small Parcels Pilot Project included clarity on township owned lands. If lands are not feasible for housing, priority for the land should be given to not-for-profit housing efforts.

Worker Housing Panel

This panel included Sabrina Richards, owner and operator of Big Hawk Lake Marina, Xavier Massé, dean of Haliburton School of Art + Design, and Gary Dyke, CAO of Haliburton County.

Richards discussed building additional dwellings on her own land for her staff, the challenges with getting permission, the difficulties with septic and additional dwellings, and the conversion of pre-existing buildings

Massé discussed the new residence being built in Haliburton. The residence will house around 47 students with 26 units. Massé says that the residence should be ready for spring. HSAD had around 1,800 students this year. Only 200 to 300 of those students are enrolled in full time studies. A collaboration with SIRCH and HSAD was brought forth to Massé, who says will have to discuss it with his colleagues.

Dyke discussed the Haliburton Wee Care facility as well as the importance of considering child care services when planning for population growth. Dyke also discussed the successful collaboration with Habitat for Humanity. Dyke described the needs of places in rural Ontario are not being met by current housing efforts and zoning policies. Rules are restrictive for agricultural lands but areas like Haliburton County do not seem to be addressed or supported.

Densification Panel

This panel included Richard Corson from Hot Pond Enterprises Corporation, Susan Zambonin, CEO of Habitat for Humanity Peterborough and Kawartha Region, and Kirstin Maxwell, CEO of Kawartha Lakes Housing Corporation.

Corson discussed their hybrid affordability model with a third of units being affordable housing. Their properties include three buildings that are three stories tall being built in Haliburton. Corson said that their project takes advantage of the current programs for housing while being a hybrid profit/affordable model. Corson advocated that businesses should work with the government, not against them.

Zambonin discussed a condo project that included a project were homeowners can get mortgages through the local credit union, allowing easier access to homeownership. She also discussed a Places for People partnership that is in the works. There is a 35 unit property in Minden that Habitat for Humanity is looking at, if zoning would allow its use.

Maxwell said that KLH Corp. has been increasing their building efforts at a growing rate. Reasonable construction costs, low interest rates, land donations by the City of Kawartha Lakes, and financing their properties at lower rates have allowed them to increase their development projects.

Water and Wastewater Solution of Frontenac County

Joe Gallivan, senior planner for the County of Frontenac discussed how to promote new developments that will fit into the historic and quaint towns of Frontenac, septic solutions, and retaining the health of local water ecosystems.

Municipal investment in public infrastructure was discussed, how land can be optimized and renovated to accommodate future residents.

The development of Wolfe Island, the expansion of the ferry, and its septic solutions.

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Meeting human service needs is complicated by scarce resources

JAMES MATTHEWS

Staff Reporter

The human services environment has changed dramatically over the years.

And Ron Taylor, the CAO of Kawartha Lakes, said investment in human services is needed to keep pace collectively with the community's needs.

The provincially appointed Consolidated Municipal Service Manager, which was established in 1999 for the City of Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton County, conducts system-wide planning and delivery for early learning and childcare.

The mandate includes social assistance and housing and homelessness prevention.

Taylor said a sound working relationship continues between both centres.

"The main lesson that we learned through the pandemic was that we needed to lean on our people," he said. "It's our people that are delivering these services collectively."

The environment of human services has experienced a "revolutionary" and constant amount of change in every single facet, every program and service area of human services and the associated provincial government ministries that support programs.

"It's relentless," Taylor said. "It's legislation change. It's funding changes. It's service delivery changes, who is delivering the service? And that's just in our own space that we feel like we may have some control over but, quite frankly, we're chasing it constantly."

He believes there is some light at the end of the tunnel and service delivery agencies are on more solid footing for 2025.

Taylor delivered to Haliburton County council the latest draft of the service manager's budget for next year.

"We certainly are recognizing that, in the municipal space, resources are scarce," Taylor said. "The taxpayer can only pay what they can pay (so) we want to make sure that what we bring forward is sustainable and that we can sort of manage it and smooth out those fluctuations in the portfolios."

Thirteen per cent of residents served in the social services and the housing services program divisions are from Haliburton County. Accordingly, as part of a cost-sharing model, the county covers 16 per cent of administration costs in the social services budget and 29 per cent of the housing services money.

"This is all within the partnership agreement we have together," said Cheryl Faber, the town's human services director, in explaining how the budget is allocated.

Some of the numbers in affordable and community housing across Haliburton Highlands indicates that a dozen households have been supported through the Kawartha Haliburton Renovates from 2022-24.

Operational reviews of three non-profit housing providers were completed for 198 housing units.

Community Housing received 163 new applications this year. Of the 2,920 people on the Community Housing wait list, 974 households have applied for a unit in Haliburton as of Sept. 30.

"You can just start to see the increase in demand and you can see the story here," Faber said.

Five applications were received this year with special priority status for housing. They were victims of human trafficking or domestic violence.

And as many as 38 households got Stability Support assistance which includes programs such as Ontario Disability Support Program, programming for seniors, and non-Ontario Works benefit recipients.

Haliburton County's total cost share in the presented draft 2025 budget is about $2.8 million. That's about 28 per cent more than this year.

Councillor Bob Carter, who is Minden Hills' mayor, said the county doesn't have a taxation base to be able to afford the kind of contribution

"How are we going to be able to afford and justify this?" Carter said. "It's almost a rhetorical question, I guess, but it doesn't seem to be that it's going to be sustainable."

"I'm not quite sure how to answer that, Coun. Carter, because obviously that's a conversation that needs to happen at your table," Faber said. "We have done our best in our projections forward. We've been conservative as we can be in certain areas."

Any variances because of staff vacancies or program cost decreases as 2025 progresses, she said those freed resources will be used across the budget line.

"And we always, always, always maximize the 100 per cent provincial funding first," she said. "That's our go-to. We always go there first."

"I don't have the magic silver bullet by any means," Taylor said. He added that the county's financial concerns are shared by the city.

"It isn't sustainable," Taylor said. "I think we're coming to that conclusion. We're in the business, though, and so we're grappling with how do we make it as sustainable as possible in our respective local environments."

"We received lots of notice … regarding the potential for these increases," said Gary Dyke, the county's CAO. "That's allowed us to reprioritize our budgeting discussions internally going forward."

Carter said there are agencies responsible for medical or mental health services and they're just not pulling their weight.

"And we are picking up those costs," Carter said. "We're sort of like the last resort. We can't not pick up those costs … but it really isn't our responsibility."

He said you end up with a situation in which somebody seeks help for a mental health crisis and the custodian is the only available staff to assist them.

"This is a huge issue and other people dropping the ball is causing us to have financial difficulties," Carter said.

"Somehow it all comes down to money," said Coun. Walter McKechnie, who is the deputy mayor of Dysart. "Somehow we've got to get a message to the province that their priorities are not what the common folk, what they're priorities are."

Electronic vehicles and other initiatives the province supports has elbowed health care needs farther down government's list.

"Our health care system in a priority like this should be near the top of the list," he said. "We've got to take care of our people and that's what we're not doing."

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ONE OF my rules around editorials is that if it's keeping me awake at night, it's probably worth writing about.

Questionable council decisions, community closures, people of interest. Yes, these are the things that keep me staring at my ceiling into the wee hours of the morning. Sometimes even more than my 8-month old son, though he does play his part as well.

This week had me thinking about dichotomies. Black and white. Right and wrong.

It's easy to see the world split into two versions of the truth. But so many things don't easily fall into those clear cut boxes.

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But while many core values and beliefs can sprout seeds in varying places of truth, there are some that must be clear cut.

You cannot say you value women's rights, and support Donald Trump.

You cannot say you believe in empathy and freedom, and support Donald Trump.

You cannot say you are proud of the world we are leaving for our children, and support Donald Trump.

And no, Trump is not closing his campaign trail on this historical election at our Kosy Korner.

He's never even heard of Haliburton. He's probably never heard of a lot of small communities; even in the United States.

And it's not like his political moves will necessarily trickle down to our local government.

But in this election, it's not about politics. It hasn't been for a long time.

It's about what Trump represents for our world. And yes, that does impact us, even in our cozy corner of the world.

He represents hate, fear, closed-mindedness.

He represents steps in the wrong direction when it comes to the rights of marginalized communities, of People of Colour, of women.

He represents bullies, and the notion that the grand prize goes to whoever can yell the loudest and stomp the hardest.

As I write this, it's days before the election. By the time it goes to press, it will be the evening of the election. Once it's in print, it may be over. And based on my latest Google search, the presidential candidates are neck and neck. It could be anyone's game.

I can't tell you who to vote for. This is one of those times where a vote from our neck of the woods can't make a pinprick of difference.

But I can tell you that this is an important election. Because the fact that a bully can push his way through the beliefs of so many, is jarring. This isn't the world I believe in. This isn't the world I am proud of leaving for our children.

So let's see. Will it be black or white. Right or wrong. Because this time, it can't be both.

And I really need a good night's sleep.

Until next year, Jack. A local buck digs into the remnants of this year's pumpkin carving. /EMILY STONEHOUSE Staff

Our road

What to wear?

Down sharon lynch

Liz looked down at the filth. After an afternoon digging, pulling and hauling rocks, dirt and greenery, she was a mess. Yesterday's downpour hadn't helped either. Soggy or not, when she woke to an unusually mild fall day, Liz knew this was what she had been waiting for. A reprieve from cold and wind meant she could finally finish up her outdoor work.

There was a time when Liz would have died a small death before allowing herself to look like this in public. But today here she was – bold as brass, standing in front of her house covered in mud, with bits of twigs and roots and who-knows-what else clinging to her coveralls. Did she care if her neighbours saw her? Would a passing motorist drive off the road in shock? Not likely.

Liz came from a generation when little girls were supposed to be quiet, clean and pretty. As a tomboy, she had never quite met the standard. Her mother would shake her head in awe at how quickly one small person could get so dirty so quickly.

It all changed when she reached puberty. Social pressure and a new interest in boys made her tow the line, appearance-wise. Then there was that first summer job in the city. She had to dress for the day and walk from the subway to the office where she worked as a clerk. So every morning she picked one of the three summer-in-the-city outfits she had, clutched her white purse and gloves and walked to the subway.

If she was lucky, she'd be able to sit but most often she had to stand all the way downtown. Looking around at her fellow passengers, Liz took note of the other women dressed for work and wished she could be as glamorous. Because many of them looked amazing to her young eyes. How she wanted to be like them. Finishing high school, helping with housework, baby-sitting her siblings all paled as a lifestyle when confronted with these smoothly urbane females.

When the doors opened at her stop, it seemed as though the whole subway car emptied and she was jostled by the crowd. Then onto the street for the short walk to the office.

But there was a gauntlet she had to walk first. A small group of labourers were doing repairs to the sidewalk, or something like that – she was never entirely certain what it was – and she had to pass by them. Perhaps she didn't know what they were doing because she kept her eyes down and walked as quickly as she could.

They were pretty obnoxious. They smirked and called out remarks of a sexual nature, leering and poking each other meaningfully. Liz felt so mortified. And it happened every morning. How she wished she was wearing baggy, boring clothes instead of a short skirt and blouse.

Of course now she could think of a number of responses. Maybe something like – how's your mother? Or – what's your sister's name? So while she loved feeling rather sophisticated and grown-up working downtown and trying to imitate the latest magazine look, there was this to deal with.

Besides the latest fashions, Liz also had to walk those city blocks in white high heels. If you've never warn them, you don't know what you're missing. With feet squeezed into a pointed toe where all your weight is pushed forward, cement sidewalks are an uncompromising and often uneven surface that tests balance and endurance. Combined with a mini skirt and people everywhere, Liz had to keep her wits about her as she navigated her way to the office.

Now, coming into the kitchen for a coffee break, she removed her rubber boots before stepping onto the floor. The mud clung like a bad reputation as she pulled out her feet. Not daring to sit down indoors, she took her mug out to the deck. She hadn't yet put away the chairs and wasn't concerned about spreading her dirt around.

Sinking into the seat, she thought again about those summer city days. Then she looked down at her current wardrobe. It was practical, comfortable and best of all – washable. Life changes and so do priorities, she thought.

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points of view

One banana, two banana

steve galea

Loon Tales

I HAVE ALWAYS held two core beliefs. The first is that you should always do your own fact-checking before you accept an outlandish claim. The second is that a monkey randomly typing at a keyboard over an infinite amount of time will eventually write out the complete works of Shakespeare. That last one, by the way, might explain why this publication has kept me on for the last 25 years.

It is also why a recent on-line article has presented me with a conundrum. You see, that article revealed that a team of mathematicians has claimed to have debunked the monkey theory. Which, as you might imagine, could have severe repercussions on my employment.

On the plus side, the mathematician concede that given an infinite amount of time, a monkey could actually write out the complete works of Shakespeare. But here's the catch. They also say that our planet does not have an infinite amount of time left.

Obviously, that outlandish claim compels me to research the facts.

So here they are. The researchers assumed our current population of around 200,000 chimpanzees would remain constant over lifespan of our universe. They also assume that each chimpanzee would type one key per second for every second of the day, with each monkey having a working lifespan of just over 30 years.

But here's the problem as I see it. They completely dismissed the *Planet of the Apes* theory – in which the apes (including chimps) rise up and take over the world. And, as anyone knows, taking over the world requires a large secretarial pool filled with skilled typists to put out social media blasts and campaign propaganda.

Now, here's the rub. In the old days, most skilled typists were able to type from 60 to 80 words per minute. But that was way before arguments on Facebook were a thing. Judging from what I've seen, 200 to 300 words a minute is no longer out of the question – although 50 per cent of those words will probably be unfit for print. In any case, I'm relatively certain that chimps could do much better than that.

Also, if the apes take over the world – as the Hollywood prophecies have foretold – there's a very good chance that they'll implement better environmental policies than most human governments have, which might mean the life of the planet will be extended, giving them even more time to type the complete works of *The Bard*.

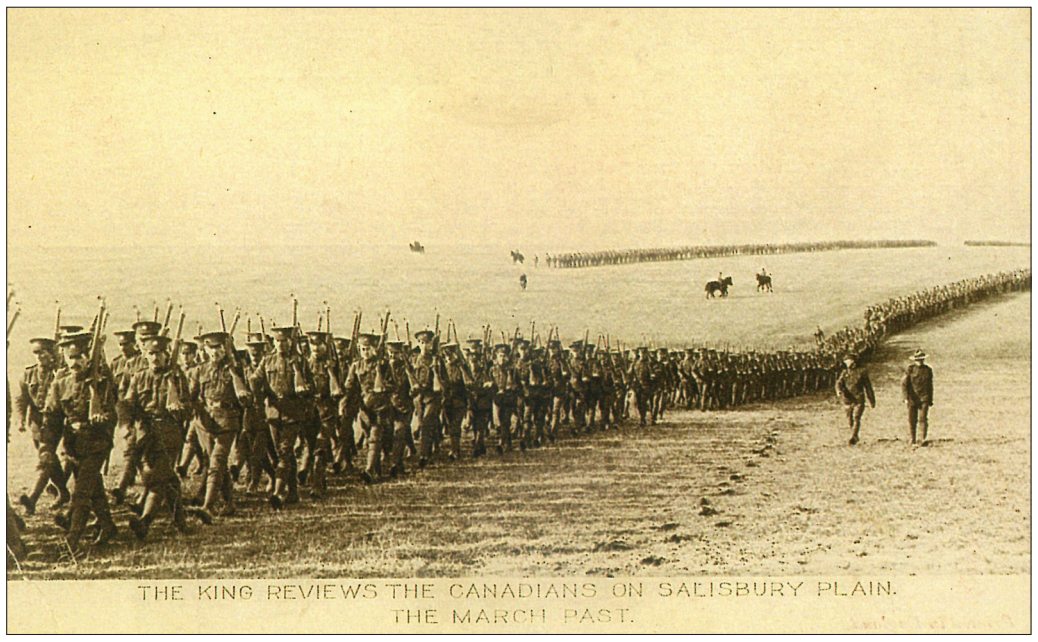
The point I am making is that the mathematical assumptions being used are dubious at best.

I'm just going to come right out and say it. I have faith in the chimps.

Sure, all of this is just an exercise in unprovable theories. But so is my claim that if I hang from my ankles every day for the next six years, I will one day be a starting point guard for the Toronto Raptors. Don't make me let go of that.

Having said that, I will continue to believe that given a sufficient amount of time, enough typewriter ribbons, and no workplace harassment, a monkey could eventually type the complete works of Shakespeare or at least use AI to plagiarize it.

I think the only thing that could conceivably prevent this is if the monkey got lice during the process, which would clearly distract it from the typing project at hand. But to be honest, that's just nit picking.



THE KING REVIEWS THE CANADIANS ON SALISBURY PLAIN.
THE MARCH PAST.

pic *of the* past

Canadian Troops reviewed by King George V and Queen Mary. The First World War broke out in August 1914. By December, the first Canadian Division was organized and moved to England for more training. It camped on the Salisbury Plain in Wiltshire County, England. This photo was taken as more than 30,000 Canadian cheered their king when he visited Salisbury Plain early in the war. The padre Frederick Scott, wrote about what it was like there: "These conditions did ensure us to the hardships of muddy trenches in France and Belgium during 1915-18." A majority of Haliburton County men joined the 109 Battalion and began training over the winter of 1915-16 in Haliburton Village. That spring they were off by train and shipped to England. On July 1, they were moved to France. Haliburton's MP., Sir Sam Hughes, was the Minister of Defence. He insisted Canadian forces fight under Canadian Command. The record confirms that the Canadians acquitted themselves heroically in some of the bloodiest battles of the war such as at Ypres, Lens and Vimy. In those four years, Canada lost 60,661 men, which is an appalling sacrifice. Canadian airmen trained and fought with the British since we had no airforce in 1914. Remember Billy Bishop and George Barker? Barker founded the RCAF.
/Submitted by Tom Hodgson

letters to the editor

A big thank you to our local doctors

To the Editor,

In the early morning of September 13, my wife, Anne, awoke feeling quite unwell. A 911 call and within minutes paramedics arrived, assessed her condition and transported her to Haliburton Hospital by about 9:00 a.m. After a quick and thorough assessment by nurses and doctors, they concluded that she may have had a heart attack and decided to send her by ambulance to the Peterborough Hospital by about 11:00 a.m. In Peterborough, it was determined that she required a stent to deal with a blockage issue. The procedure was successful and Anne spent the next few days there in order for staff to be able to monitor her condition and recovery.

Back home, Anne is recovering well. We just wanted to express our sincere appreciation to the paramedic team and nurses and doctors at both the Haliburton and Peterborough Hospitals. We are all so fortunate to have such dedicated healthcare providers when we need them. Thank you to all who attended to Anne's distress, treatment, and recovery.

We would also like to thank the many friends, family members, and so many others who called with their best wishes and support over the past few weeks. It is a reminder of how fortunate we are to be surrounded by such wonderful folks.

Ron Burk,
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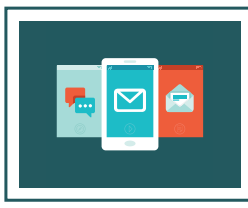

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Finding home away from home; a Veteran's experience

EMILY STONEHOUSE
Editor

Veteran Nick Bryant takes a moment of reflection during the Veteran's Dinner on Nov. 2. /Adam Frisk Special to the *Echo*

Nick Bryant sits across the table from me at Branch 129 of the Haliburton Legion.

He looks at home here, with his name embroidered on his shirt in grey thread, and a sense of ease in the shadowed hall.

This is where he feels comfortable; a second home to the Veteran, who served 27 years with the Canadian Army. And he is no stranger to second homes. Or third, or fourth, or fifth. He spent his life moving place to place; forever going where he was needed most.

While Bryant was never on the front lines, he noted that many Veterans may have never gone to war. "A Veteran is a person who has completed basic training, and was discharged honourably," he shared.

But over his 27 years of service, he has seen much of the world. "As you continue to get promoted, they find spots where you are needed," he said. "You really don't have much say in it."

Bryant has been posted to Kingston, Petawawa, London, Cyprus, Germany, Ottawa, and Winnipeg to name a few places.

Originally hailing from rural British Columbia, Bryant relocated to Ontario to live with his grandfather at the age of 14. As he grew up on the family farm, he began to pace out his next move. After one particularly hot and dry summer in 1969, Bryant recalled that the agriculture industry had suffered. "There was no work down on the farm, so I enlisted," the Veteran shared.

Upon joining the Canadian Army, after his first stint of training, he began to be moved from place to place. "They will put you wherever your rank is needed," he said. At one point, he found an opportunity to tie down some roots in the form of purchasing a house. He asked his supervisors if there was any chance that he would be moved, and they said no.

"So I bought a house in May, and by July I was posted somewhere else," he chuckled.

And while the constant moving may not be desirable for some, for Bryant, it was welcomed.

"I liked the army," he said. "I liked seeing new places, and everyday was different. The army suited me."

The retired Chief Warrant Officer shared that his favourite posting was in Germany, where he lived for five years. The original offer was for four years, but Bryant liked the place, the people, the culture so much that he asked for an extension, which was granted. "The language came easy to me," he reminisced, "and it was a place where I made some really good friends."

But, he shrugged, the time came for him to move on. "I always knew I had a job," he said, "I just never knew where it would be."

After 27 years of service, the time came for Bryant to retire, which he chose to do in Haliburton after visiting up here for quite some time.

Upon retirement, he settled into the role of Service Officer for the Haliburton Legion. "It's my job to look after the Veterans," he said.

And that's not all he does. He had a stint as the Sergeant at Arms for the local Remembrance Day parades, he assisted with the build and maintenance of the newly-available lift at the Legion, and he is an active ambassador of the Poppy Campaign. "I don't know how I ever had time to work," he laughed, in reference to how busy he is these days with Legion-based initiatives.

But Bryant continues to show up, for his cause, for his country. He shared that his grandfathers were all in the service, with one being lost at sea during the First World War, and another fighting in both the First and Second World Wars. "We have to remember their sacrifices," he said, referencing all the people who were lost at war. "I've got a lot of friends who have done a lot of stuff they didn't want to do."

As Bryant stands up to go, he peers at the Poppy Campaign schedule propped by the door at the Legion. He's volunteered for a few more shifts leading up to Remembrance Day.

Because even though he's retired, he will continue to show up; always honouring his second home, and everything it represents.

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Connecting generations of memories

Gavin Sharman and his family have been coming to the Haliburton area for almost 30 years. Included in many of Gavin's passions are music and World War One and Two history. In 2013, Gavin and his family travelled to Normandy, France where he first visited many World War Two sites including his first visit to the Juno Beach Centre in Courseulles-sur-Mer, Normandy, France.

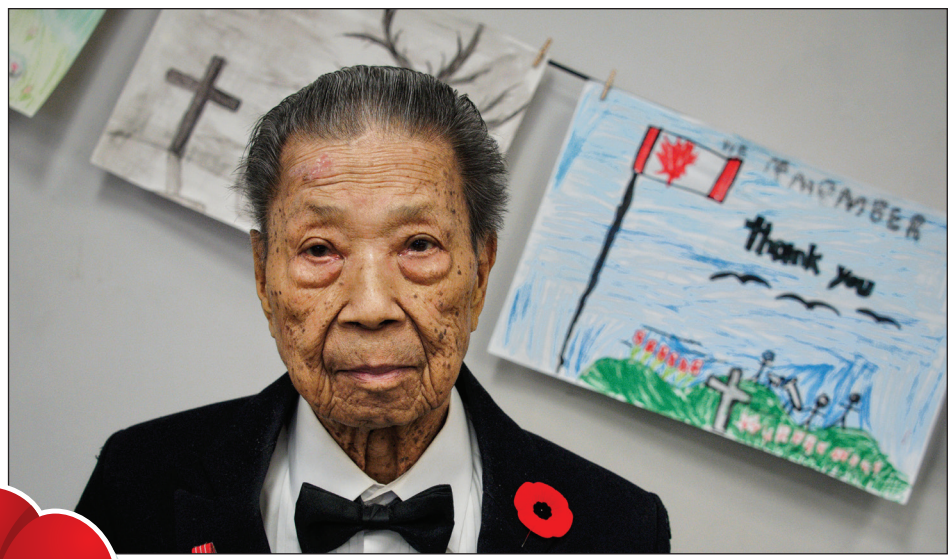
In June, 2024 Gavin and his dad returned to France. After first visiting some World War One sites including the Vimy Memorial, they travelled to both Dunkirk and Dieppe. Gavin and his father then travelled back to the Normandy area. They had applied through Veterans Affairs Canada and received tickets to attend the Canadian ceremony on June 6th at Juno Beach commemorating the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings.

Upon returning home, Gavin's family researched and located Canadian veterans who had served throughout Europe during the Second World War. Gavin wasn't aware of what his family were up to. With the generous help from the President of the Haliburton Legion Mike Waller, his family located Mr. Cecil Bailey from Haliburton and Mr. George Skinner. Both these men had recently celebrated their 100th birthdays at the Haliburton Legion. Also, with the assistance of the President of the Legion in Mount Albert, Ontario, Gavin's family located Mr. Jim Parks. Mr. Parks had landed on Juno Beach on June 6th, 1944 and he too had recently celebrated his 100th birthday. Each of these gentlemen then signed Gavin's ticket to the 2024 ceremony. The framed, signed ticket was given to Gavin on his 25th birthday in September of this year.

Gavin was speechless. He appreciates what these gentlemen did for our country and for what they did for him. It is important to Gavin to be a part of making sure their sacrifices and their bravery are continuously celebrated and remembered.

Submitted by Scott Sharman

Gavin at the Canadian ceremony at Juno Beach on June 6th, 2024. /Submitted



Lest We Forget

Haliburton Legion Branch 129 hosted their annual Veteran's Dinner on Nov. 2. Below, MP Jamie Schmale shares a laugh with Second World War veteran, Cecil Bailey during the Remembrance Day dinner. Bottom left, Jason Sparkes, Legion member and a Colour Guard, stands at attention during the national anthem ahead of the Remembrance Day dinner. Top left, Navy veteran, Henry Lam reflects before dinner is served. /Adam Frisk Special to the *Echo*

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Halloween in Haliburton

Violet Mazara smiles as a unicorn for her first Halloween.

Olivia, Hazel, and Marshall Townsend get ready for trick or treating.

Charlotte Rae smiles for her first Halloween.

Vivienne smiles at her mom on Halloween.

Brey, Dax and Wells Woodward get ready to go trick or treating on Halloween.

Layla Potalivo smilles with her pumpkin friends for her first Halloween.

Raelynn and Brodie Sisson head out trick or treating in the rain.

Everly Manandhar smiles in the rain on Halloween.

Howling for candy

Despite drizzly weather, the Haliburton County Huskies made the most of Halloween by offering their annual Trunk or Treat at Haliburton Chrysler. Many families came out to visit the team. Below, trick-or-treaters visited Extendicare in Haliburton on Halloween night. /TIM YANO Staff photographer

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Avi Federgreen's *Home Free* and its message of hope

THOMAS SMITH

Staff Reporter

After deciding to direct his own movie after 30 years in the film business, Avi Federgreen recalled a script that he fell in love with nine years prior. *Home Free* had impressed Federgreen and he felt it was a story that resonated with him and one that he needed to tell. The scriptwriter, Reese Eveneshen (although not the original writer of the script) worked with Federgreen to smooth out a few bumps and get the script in workable condition.

"He did a stupendous job," says Federgreen.

After getting the script ready, Federgreen was ready to set out to secure financing. After being rejected twice, Fedeergreen felt the film industry that he had worked in for thirty years had abandoned him, and he attempted suicide.

"I was devastated," says Federgreen. His father-in-law offered Federgreen the money he needed to finance the making of Home Free. Federgreen credits his wife and father-in-law with saving his life.

"A lot of people think that it is all glamour," says Federgreen. "It's not, it's a dark place."

Home Free discusses several heavy topics such as medically assisted dying, mental health, and sexual assault against children.

The first table read for the script of *Home Free* was in May 2020 over Zoom. After the table read, actor Michelle Nolden offered Federgreen her home and property in Paris, Ontario and barn for filming, saying that it was the perfect location. Without a large budget, Federgreen knew that Nolden's property would be the perfect filming location.

"It was exactly the kind of house that I was looking for," says Federgreen. The majority of the film was shot at Nolden's property in Paris, Ontario, with filming taking around 17 days.

"Every film has its hang ups but we were extremely prepared," says Federgreen.

Throughout the filming process, Federgreen accepted input from cast and crew, involving them at every stage. He believes this process allowed everyone to "have skin in the game," making it a stronger and more collaborative film.

Federgreen has taken *Home Free* to six festivals already. The film, which was recently featured at the Haliburton International Film Festival, is about a family that returns for the anniversary of their parents. There, the three estranged daughters learn that their father is dying of cancer. Secrets are uncovered and the family is changed forever through the course of the weekend.

Several filmgoers have approached Federgreen to share their own struggles. Audience members have shared stories of their sick loved ones and that the film has deeply resonated with them. Federgreen hopes that the film is able to touch many lives and help the journey of those struggling. He says that the film will not only resonate with residents of Haliburton County, but with anyone that has dealt with difficult familial relationships and trauma.

"This film has given many hope. That is the power that filmmakers have in telling these stories," says Federgreen. "I don't think filmmakers take that very seriously."

Federgreen encourages everyone to create the art that they want to create and that everyone has the capabilities of making their own film.

"You can't let anyone stand in your way," says Federgreen.

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Any person or his or her counsel, solicitor or agent who attends the virtual meeting shall be afforded an opportunity to make representations in respect of the within matter.

And Take Further Notice that if the public wishes to participate regarding the purchase of Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance please contact the Municipal Clerk.

Dated at the Municipality of Highlands East, Wilberforce, Ontario this 5th day of November, 2024.

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The Municipality of Dysart et al is requesting tenders for the supply of one (1) Fire Rescue Truck.

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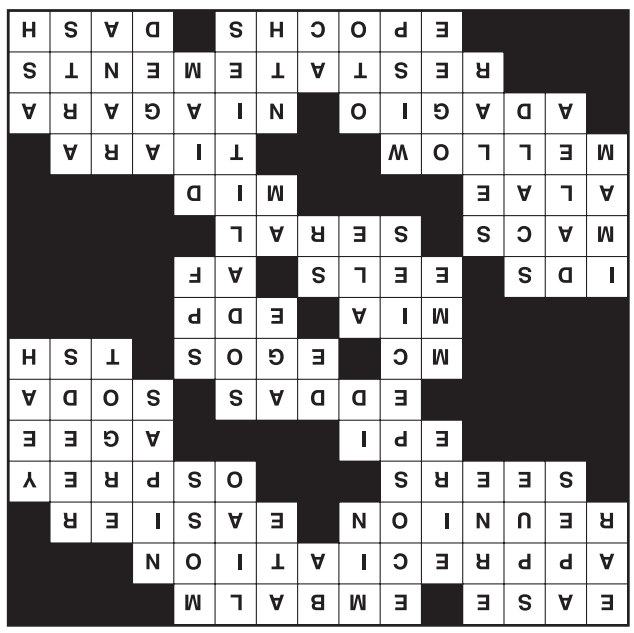

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Sharing the stories of local artists

EMILY STONEHOUSE
Editor

Combining art and storytelling is a passion for Rebeccah Love, the founder of the newly launched Haliburton Arts Report on Instagram. "I am so interested in the art people are making, but I'm also interested in why they made the art," shared Love.

As a filmmaker based out of Toronto with cottage ties to the Haliburton Highlands, Love has dedicated her life's work to shining a spotlight on artists and their stories. "I've always had a great interest in biography and autobiography," she told the *Echo*. "I find those full life stories so fascinating."

Love started the Toronto Arts Report; a website dedicated to sharing the stories of artists from the GTA, about seven years ago, and joined Instagram with the initiative two years ago. But her strategy for highlighting the artists has always been more than snippets of upcoming shows or tidbits of art; it's a deep dive into their history, their inspirations, and their 'why'.

"I try to send each artist 12 to 14 questions, to try to understand why they became artists," said Love. "The interviews follow the same pattern. I start by asking questions about when they were very young. I give them full reign. I really leave it up to them to either engage or disengage."

As someone who has bipolar disorder herself, Love is sure to include the mental health component to her interviews as well. She noted that some artists are open about sharing their own traumas and stories, as that lends itself to the art they are producing, while others use art as an escape; not necessarily using their pains to fuel their process. "There is so much richness when you look at someone's entire life," she said.

Rebeccah Love is a filmmaker from Toronto, who hopes to combine her love of community arts and writing through the newly launched Haliburton Arts Report. /photo submitted

The idea for the Haliburton Arts Report was sparked by a chance reconnection that Love sought out during the COVID-19 pandemic. "The key person behind this was an old high school volleyball coach I had, Steve Turner," Love said. "He was an extraordinary coach. He taught me some of my most important life lessons."

Turner had been a gym teacher, an athletics director, and a coach for 30 years in Toronto, before retiring and relocating to Harcourt area. It was here that he dove into his love of painting. "During the pandemic, I was reflecting on figures who had inspired me, and I reached out to him," said Love.

She shared that she was thrilled to discover that he had taken up landscape painting; one of her personal favourite art forms. Upon reconnecting, Love featured Turner on her Toronto Arts Report page; while simultaneously exploring the intricate art world of the Haliburton Highlands. "After my long conversation with Steve, I began researching the arts community in the Haliburton region, realizing that there is a wealth of talent - specifically in the world of landscape painting - that needed to be recognized and celebrated," said Love.

The Haliburton Arts Report was officially founded on Oct. 5 of this year, and the Instagram page already hosts a variety of creations, mediums, and colours. Love understands the challenges of building an audience on social media, and is actively trying to connect with community members who would like to showcase their works. "When I first started the account, I was a stranger coming into the community, trying to find stories," she laughed, noting that her first few posts are her own pieces, and her own story. Yet, slowly but surely, artists have started connecting with her, and she has shone a spotlight on their pieces, their stories, and their 'why'.

"I care deeply about the lives and works of artists and am so excited to learn more about what is happening in the area," said Love.

Currently, the page has a focus on visual arts, but the young editor is eager to begin showcasing works of theatre, live music, and written work. "There is so much going on here," she said. "It's so exciting."

To follow the Haliburton Arts Report on Instagram, visit @HaliburtonArtsReport, or, you can email Love directly at rebeccahkrlove@gmail.com to potentially be featured on the page.

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Hal High Monthly

Hal High had a great October filled with many sports, events, clubs, and opportunities for students. Sports have been busy this month with Jr. and Sr. girls basketball, Jr. and Sr. boys volleyball, and girls varsity rugby. There have been many games for these sports and Hal High is beyond proud of all of our athletes.

There have also been many clubs that students participated in at lunch or outside of school. Some of these clubs include the Drama, Interact, Choir, Craft, and Film Club. The annual Stratford trip took place on Oct. 3 and 4, and Mr. and Mrs. Dobson took 40 students to the small, quaint town of Stratford to see three different spectacular plays: *Something Rotten!*, *La Cage Aux Folles*, and *Romeo and Juliet*.

On Oct. 9, Hal High hosted its annual Terry Fox Run, which was incredibly successful. Students bought into the run for $5. In the end, many students participated and the school raised over $4000 for cancer research this year.

During the entire month of October, the Interact and Leadership students ran theme weeks to help raise money for The Food Bank. 'Chilling Challenge Week' was from Oct. 7 to 11. Students brought in non-perishable food items or donations to go to the Food Bank. 'Spooky Snack Week' was from Oct. 15 to 18, and students bought spooky-grams to give to their classmates, friends, and teachers. 'Dracula's Draw Week' took place on Oct. 21 to 24, where students bought raffle tickets and put their ticket into a prize for a chance to win things like candy, fishing gear, LEGO, etc. In total, the school raised $596 for The Food Bank.

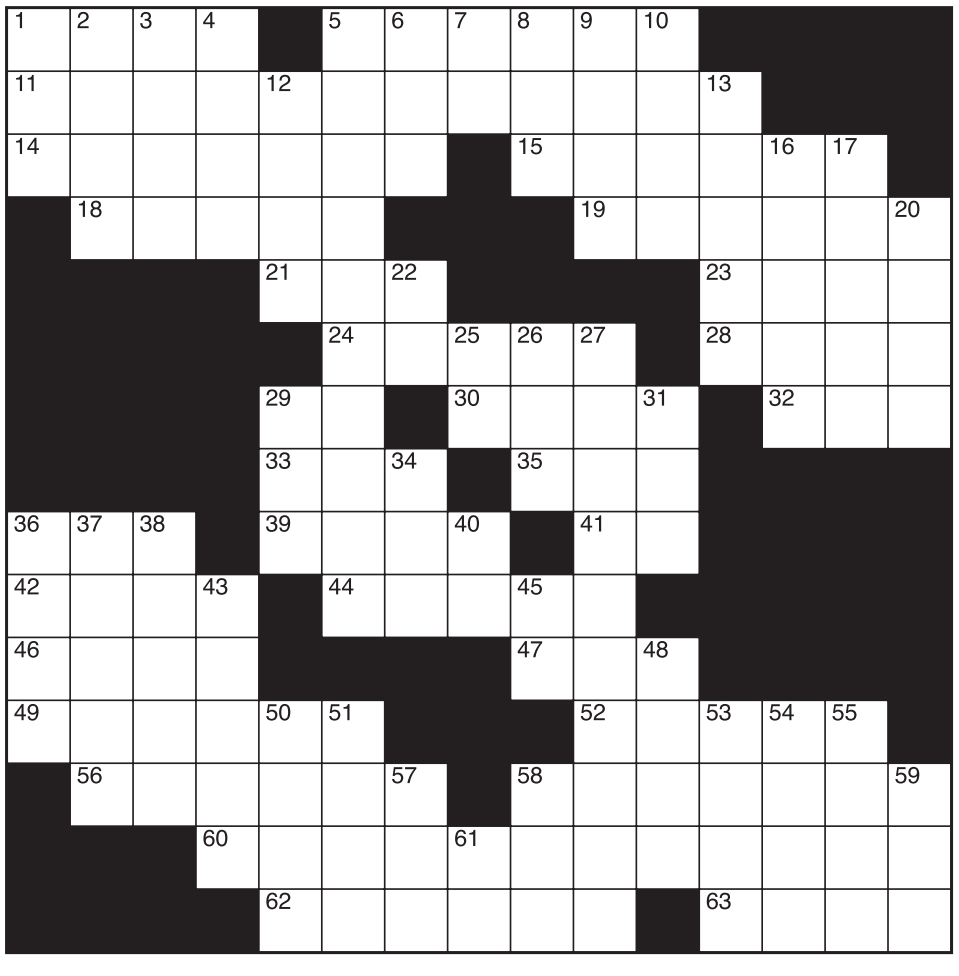
Halloween was centre stage this month as the Leadership class held the Halloween Dance on Oct. 24. It was a fun time for everyone who came out. For the first time ever, the dance included a Haunted Hallway, which frightened teachers and students alike.

Finally, the month ended with the 'Haunted Halloween Week' which ran from Oct. 28 to Nov. 1, and was filled with fun theme days throughout the entire week. There were days like Twin Tuesday where students twinned with a friend, Wicked Wednesday in which students wore Halloween colours, Thrilling Thursday where students wore costumes and participated in the costume contest, and the week ended with PJ day on the Friday.

There have also been many universities and colleges that have held presentations at the school to help students interested in applying to decide which programs and schools suit them best. These included Brock University, Nippissing University, Trent University, Ontario Tech University, The Canadian Armed Forces, and Cambrian College.

The school has had a very good October and a great start to the year. We are excited to see what opportunities and events will be coming in November!

Written by: Jessica McCready-DeBruin (Gr. 12), Jackson Titus (Gr. 12), Annaliese Grajzer (Gr. 12)



CLUES ACROSS
1. Absence of effort
5. Preserve a dead body
11. Gratitude
14. The act of coming together again
15. Simpler
18. Visionaries
19. Large, fish-eating bird
21. Indicates near
23. Former CIA agent and critic
24. Icelandic poems
28. Pop
29. "Hammer" is one
30. Senses of self-importance
32. Thyrotrophic hormone
33. Not around
35. Electronic data processing
36. Licenses and passports are two types
39. Snakelike fish
41. Air Force
42. Popular computers
44. Of a withered nature
46. Wings
47. Used in combination
49. Laid back
52. Jeweled headdress
56. In slow tempo
58. __ Falls
60. Assertions made again
62. Periods of history
63. Hyphen

CLUES DOWN
1. Body part
2. Mimics
3. Expel large quantities rapidly
4. Sea eagle
5. A type of subdivision
6. Variety of Chinese
7. Mr. T's name on "The A-Team"
8. Consumed
9. Chinese dynasty
10. NFL great Randy
12. Ireland
13. Palm trees with creeping roots
16. Fungal disease
17. Impressionable persons
20. Affirmative! (slang)
22. Instinctive part of the mind
25. "The First State"
26. A way to develop
27. Fraternities
29. Woman (French)
31. Sunscreen rating
34. Beer
36. Spiritual leader
37. Indigo bush
38. Burn with a hot liquid
40. Junior's father
43. Ray-finned fishes
45. Morning
48. Line passing side to side through the center (abbr.)
50. Double curve
51. A small bundle of straw or hay
53. Got older
54. Crater on Mars
55. Humanities
57. Relating to the ears
58. "To the __ degreeÉ"
59. Residue of a burned product
61. It cools a home

Answers on page 12

Dance dance revolution

The Evolution of B-boying by BBOYIZM of Quebec brought together some of the best street dancers in the nation, to present the history of b-boying and b-girling over the last three decades. The performance was facilitated by Razzamataz Kids' Shows, and offered local schol-age children to opportunity to get up and dance while learning about the intricate moves and styles. /TIM YANO Staff photographer

Telling our Stories

The topic for November's "Telling our Stories" Speakers Series presentation is "Our True North Strong – Living and Travelling in the Canadian Arctic" and features two outstanding speakers. Join Aaju Peter and Barbara Kraus for a conversation on the realities of living and travelling in the Canadian Arctic.

Aaju Peter is an activist, lawyer, educator and clothing designer, most famous for her work defending the rights of the Inuit in Canada and Greenland. Barbara Kraus is a translator, educator, culturalist, and chef. She is well known in the Highlands as the co-owner of Tamarack Lodge near Gooderham. Ms. Kraus has lived abroad for a good part of her adult life and has travelled extensively, always in search of new landscapes and cultures. This presentation will offer a closer look at what it truly means to live in remote Northern communities.

The Speakers Series, a member of the Haliburton County Community Cooperative, takes place on the second Wednesday of each month from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Haliburton Highlands Outdoor Association Fish Hatchery, 6712 Gelert Road. This month it will be on Nov. 13. Admission is $15/person payable at the door or on line at www.tellingourstories.company.site.

As seating is limited, pre-registration is highly recommended. To obtain tickets, contact Barrie Martin at 705-457-7557 or by email at barrieinthehighlands@gmail.com.

Submitted

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT
TO ZONING BY-LAW 2005-120 OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL

- **DATE:** **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2024**
- **TIME:** **9:05 AM**
- **LOCATION:** **TAKE NOTICE THAT THE PUBLIC MEETING FOR ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT WILL TAKE PLACE IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE 135 MAPLE AVE, HALIBURTON, ONTARIO AND IN ELECTRONIC FORMAT USING ZOOM**

APPLICATIONS:

Lands of Emmerson
File No. D14-ZB-2024-010

- Purpose and Effect: The application will rezone the lands from Rural Type 1 (RU1) zone and Environmental Protection (EP) zone to Rural Residential (RR) zone, Rural Type 2 (RU2) zone and Environmental Protection (EP) zone.
- Location: No assigned address, legally described as Part Lots 5 and 8, Concession 3, Part Lot 6, Plan 19R-5079 in the Geographic Township of Dysart, now in the Municipality of Dysart et al.
- Proposed Zoning is a condition of a concurrent severance application (File No. H-027-24 and H-028-24) under the Planning Act for the proposed severed and retained lots.

Lands of Hot Pond Enterprises Corporation
File No. D14-ZB-2024-013

- Purpose and Effect: Council will consider this request and if deemed appropriate pass an amending by-law to remove the said holding symbol from By-law 2023-47.
- Location: 48 Maple Avenue, and legally described as Part Lot 12, Lot 6, Block T, Plan 1 in the Geographic Township of Dysart, now in the Municipality of Dysart et al.
- Proposed by-law would change the zoning from General Commercial – 4 (C-4) Exception Zone, General Commercial – 4 (H-C-4) Exception Zone with holding provision and Urban Residential Type 1 (R1) Zone to Urban Residential Type 3-15 (R3-15) Exception Zone.

FOR MORE INFORMATION about electronic meetings and public participation in an electronic meeting, contact the Municipal Clerk at mbishop@dysartetal.ca.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS MATTER INCLUDING INFORMATION ABOUT APPEAL RIGHTS: Contact the Planning and Land Information Department by appointment during regular office hours (8:30 A.M-4:30 P.M, Monday to Friday), or by contacting Kris Orsan, Manager of Planning at korsan@dysartetal.ca.

Dated at the Township of Dysart, this 5th day of November 2024.

Kris Orsan, CPT,
Manager of Planning
Planning and Land Information
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Carole Anne Valentine (nee Evans) age 82 years passed peacefully on October 31, 2024.

Survived and lovingly remembered by her beloved husband of 61 years David; her children Meaghan (Tim) Ellis, Tavis and Andrew; grandsons Jaiden and Jackson; brothers William (Susan) and James (Kirsten) Evans; and in-laws, nieces, nephews and friends. Sadly missed by their dog Maggie.

As per Carole's request cremation has taken place and there will be no funeral or celebration of life.

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Wentworth (Went) James Edgar Hogg

Age 90, of Dorchester and formerly of Stratford passed away peacefully at the Alexandra Hospital, Ingersoll, on October 22, 2024. Born in Yarmouth, NS, son of the late Donald and Fay Hogg.

Beloved husband for 67 years of Amy (Stewart) who passed away in February 2024. Loving father of Stewart, Jim and Stephen (Michele). Grandfather of Susan Byrne, David Byrne (Nathalie). Great grandfather of Amelia Osso, Lilianna Osso, Rosalie Byrne, Edison Byrne. Brother-in-law of Eunice (Leslie). He will be fondly remembered by many nieces and nephews.

Predeceased by wife Amy, son Stewart, sisters Edna (Fenton), Lillian (Seawright), Louise and brothers Arthur and Leslie.

Went grew up in Nova Scotia and learned a good work ethic at a young age. After moving to Ontario, he owned his own farm in Mossley and worked as a welder and a mechanic. Went purchased a marina in Haliburton and together with his wife and sons operated Wentworth's Marina. A few years later he started W.H. Treads, a tire retreading plant in Haliburton. Upon retiring he volunteered at a thrift store in Stratford and continued his passion for restoring farm equipment with his son Jim in Putnam.

Sincerest thanks to the doctors, nurses and staff at the Alexandra Hospital for the care and support that they provided to Went in his last days.

A celebration of Went's life was held at the Bieman Funeral Home, 3970 Hamilton Road, Dorchester ON, on Sunday, November 3rd 2024 from 1-3 P.M. Donations in Went's memory may be made directly to the Alexandra Hospital Foundation, 29 Noxon Street, Ingersoll, ON N5C 1B8 www.alexandrahospital.on.ca would be appreciated.

Interment at Baird Cemetery, Brucefield, ON will take place in the spring.

Online condolences may be made at www.biemanfuneralhome.com

In Loving Memory of

Caleb Edward Davison

October 20, 1933 – November 1, 2024
Peacefully passed away at his home in his 92nd year.

Cal had a wonderful life and was a genuine friend to everyone, he was a "one of a kind" and will be solely missed by Elaine his wife, friend and soulmate of 49 years. Cal leaves behind two sons, Ted (Kathy) and Pat (Sherri), as well as 5 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

Cal enjoyed all outdoor activities, cutting firewood, maple syrup making, and gardening. He was also a Legion member, playing Friday night darts. He loved classic country music – especially Bluegrass and Mac Wisement.

Many thanks to the many friends and wonderful neighbours for all their help, kindness and friendship.

We are very grateful for the care and concern provided by all our health care personnel and for Dr. S. Coles support over these past years.

If desired, Memorial Donations may be made out to the Minden Community Food Centre (Minden Food Bank) or to any of our local charities and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.

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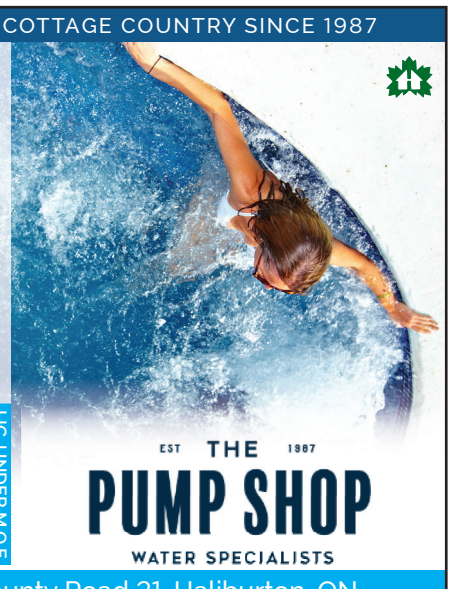

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Lost medal

Man searches for family of soldier whose medal was lost

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Strong finish

Girls' basketball team outlasts the rest

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Remembering them

There were hundreds, more than 10 deep of people, who lined the sidewalk and street surrounding the cenotaph in Haliburton for the Remembrance Day ceremony. More Remembrance Day photos on pages 10, 11, 32 and 33. **Darren Lum** Echo staff

The strength of faith and love

A battle against rare nervous system infection brings family together

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

Recounting the challenges faced over the last two years, you can see the strength and resolve written in their faces.

Steve Brown, 57, with his wife Helen of 34 years, from Boshkung Lake, are climbing the proverbial mountain after he contracted Listerial rhombencephalitis – a rare central nervous system infection that infects the brain stem and can result in death– more than two years ago from a contaminated cold cut sandwich he bought for lunch.

This has meant a list of challenges including months of treatment, an alphabet of antibiotics, a complete physical and mental shutdown, nau-

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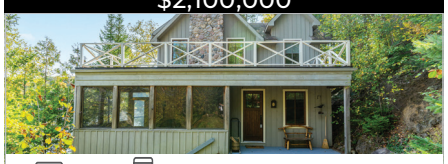

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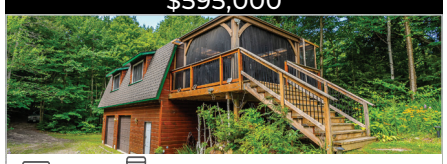

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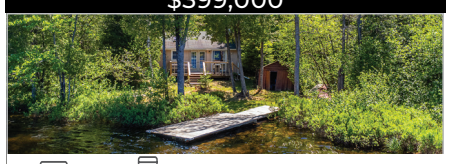

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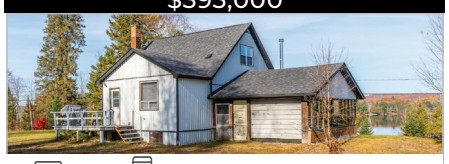

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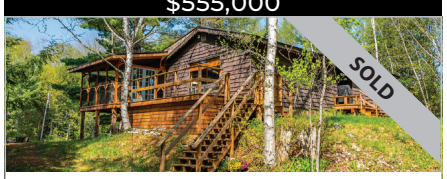

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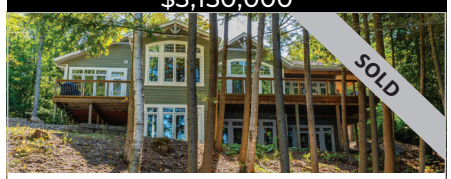

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